Protection of heritage buildings

†2286. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many heritage buildings have lost their historical importance due to rapid development of different cities which is taking place in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the important heritage buildings identified in different States by the Central Government; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to protect these heritage buildings?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Due to a variety of factors like rapid urbanization, construction of multistoreyed residential and commercial buildings, implementation of development projects etc., thirty five protected monuments/sites are not traceable in the country and the details (State-wise) are given in Statement. (*See* below)

(c) In 1992, Archaeological Survey of India has issued a notification declaring areas upto 100 metres from the protected limits of monuments of national importance as prohibited areas where all construction and mining activities are banned. Another 200 metres beyond this limit had been declared as regulated area where construction/mining activity is permitted only in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by Archaeological Survey of India.

There are 3667 centrally protected monuments/sites of national importance in the country. Archaeological Survey of India maintains and conserves these monuments, besides taking up environmental development and providing tourist friendly amenities subject to the availability of resources. Archaeological Survey of India has also deployed watch and ward staff for their protection in addition to the deployment of private Security Guards, State Police and Home Guards and CISF in selected cases.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of centrally protected monuments/sites which are not traceable

Name of Monument/Site

Assam

1-Guns of Emperor Sher Shar at Na-sadia, Distt. Tinsukia

Arunachal Pradesh

1-Ruins of Copper Temple near Paya, Distt. Lohit

Delhi

1-The Moti Gate of Sher Shah's Delhi, Mauza Babarpur Bazidpur, Distt. New Delhi

2-Pool Chadar, Mauza Chaukri Mubarkabad, Distt. North Delhi

3-Alipur Cemetery, Alipur encamping ground, Distt. North Delhi

4-Bara Khamba Cemetery, Imperial city, Distt. Delhi

5-Tomb of Capt. Mc. Barnett & others who falls in an attack on Kishanganj, Kishanganj, Distt. North Delhi

6-Tomb with three domes near railway station, Nizamuddin, Distt. South Delhi

7-Site of Siege Battery bearing the inscription:-"Right Attack, Lieutenant F.R. Mansell, R.E., Directing Engineer, No. 1 Battery-Right, Major James Brind, R.A., Commanding, Armament five 18-pounders: one 18-howitzer. To silence Mori Bastion." East of the hospital in police line, Distt. North Delhi

8-Site of Siege Battery with following inscription:-"No. II Battery-Right, Major Edward Kaye, R.A., Commanding Armament two 18-pounders; seven 8-inch howitzers, To breach Kashmir bastion.", Compound of Curzon House, Distt. North Delhi

9-Inchla Wali Gumti, village Mubarak pur Kotla, Distt. South Delhi

10-Mound known as Joga Bai comprised in part of Survey plot no. 167 as Jamia Nagar, Distt. South Delhi

11-Shamsi Tallab together with both the platform entrance gates,

Mehrauli, Distt. Delhi

12-Nicholson Statue, its platform, its surrounding gardens, paths and enclosure wall, Out side of Kashmiri Gate, Distt. North Delhi

Gujarat

1. Ancient Site, Sejakpur, Distt. Surendranagar

2. Historic Site, No. 431 to 435, Vadodara, Distt. Vadodara

Haryana

1. Mughal Kos Minar, Mujjesar, Distt. Faridabad, Haryana

2. Mughal Kos Minar, Shahbad, Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana

Jammu & Kashmir

1. Rock carving of Sitala, Narada, Brahma and Radha Krishna, Basohli, Distt. Kathua

2. Rock carving of Devi riding a lion, Basohli, Distt. Kathua

3. Visveswara and other cave temple, Basohli, Distt. Kathua

Karnataka

1. Pre-historic Site, Kittur, Distt. Mysore

Rajasthan

1-Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Distt. Tonk

2-12th Cent. Temple, Baran, Distt. Baran

Uttaranchal

1-Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Tehsil Ranikhet, Distt. Almora

2-Khera Ki Bandi, Old Cemetary, Tehsil Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar

3-Remains of ancient buildings locally identified with Vairatapattana, Dhikuli, Tehsil Ramnagar, Distt. Nainital

Uttar Pradesh

1-Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Tehsil Banda, Distt. Banda

2-Large ruined site called Sandi Khera, Pali, Tehsil Shahabad, Distt. Hardoi

3-Cemetery, Jalaun (Bus Stand), Tehsil Jalaun, Distt. Jalaun

4-Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Rangaon, Tehsil Mehroni, Distt. Lalitpur

5-Imambara Amin-ud Daula, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow

6-Three Tombs, Lucknow Faizabad Road at miles 3,4 & 5, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow

7-Cemeteries at miles 6&7, Jahraila Road, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow

8-Cemetery at Gaughat, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt Lucknow

Publication of court records of Bahadur Shah Zafar

2287. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the publication of court records of Bahadur Shah Zafar available in National Archives on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the 1857 Rebellion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The matter has been considered by the Government. it has been reported that trial papers of Bahadur Shah Zafar have been published before.

Maintenance of ancient monuments by ASI in Himachal Pradesh

2288. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ancient monuments being currently looked after by the Archaeological Survey of India in the country;

(b) the details of ancient monuments being looked after by the Archaeological Survey of India in Himachal Pradesh, district wise;